

(3) The Chief Engineer is taking action to repair the bad portions of the road. An estimate has been prepared therefor.

Erosion in Craganur, Edavilangu, etc.

152. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തിൻ.—(a) കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ, എടവിലങ്ങൂർ മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ മേയങ്കരമായ കടലാക്രമണം തടയുന്നതിന് ഏതെങ്കിലും പ്രവൃത്തിപ്പാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(b) ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പന്ത്രണ്ടു കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം എത്ര എക്കർ ഭൂമി നശിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—(a) കടലാക്രമണം തടയേണ്ടുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ നിലയെപ്പറ്റി വിശദമായി മന്ദമ മേയ് ൨൮-ാം-നു-ത്തെ ഗസറ്റ് പരസ്യത്തിൽ കാണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(b) കഴിഞ്ഞ മൂവ് കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം ഉദ്ദേശം ൩൨൫ എക്കറോളം ഭൂമി കടലെടുത്തുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Collapse of Karuvannur Bridge.

153. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (1) the date on which the Karuvannur bridge collapsed ;
- (2) what arrangements have the Government made for the transport of passengers ;
- (3) what is the average number of passengers that were transhipped monthly after the collapse of the bridge ;
- (4) did the Overseer report to the Chief Engineer regarding the repair of the bridge ; if so, what was his report?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The northernmost pier of the bridge collapsed on the 23rd September 1930.

(2) Ferry Service.

(3) The information is not readily available. But the number of persons transported during the 4 days following the collapse of the bridge is given below:—

9—2—1106	..	2798 persons.
10—2—1106	..	2691 „
11—2—1106	..	2836 „
12—2—1106	..	3190 „

(4) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is three months since the bridge collapsed. I want to know what arrangements have the Government made to repair the bridge.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The collapsed bridge is being reconstructed. Now there is a temporary pier.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the work begun?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. It will be completed within 10 days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Any special arrangement made for the traffic transport?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. There is a ferry service.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do the Government know that passengers experience great inconvenience since the water in the river has gone down and on both sides of the river there are sand banks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The water went down only a week ago and the pier will be complete within a few days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have you made any temporary arrangement for the traffic?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Since we are to complete the bridge within a few days a temporary ferry arrangement has been made.

Katavanthara bridge.

154. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether, as stated in replies (r) and (s) to question 428 of the Madam Session of 1105 (P. 1045, part 15 of Vol. III, second series of the Council Report) the informations called for have been received;

(2) if received, will the Government be pleased to lay them on the table;

(3) if not received, were any steps taken subsequently to get them;

(4) have the Government come to any conclusion about the completion or abandonment of the partly constructed bridge?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the Diwan Peishkar's report containing the information is placed on the Council table.

(3) In view of the answer to (1) the question does not arise.

(4) They are considering the question of providing public pathway to give access to the bridge.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-division (4). My question relates to the completion or abandonment of the partly constructed bridge. The answer is they are considering the question of providing public pathway to give access to the bridge. May I know whether the Government has decided upon the completion of the bridge or its abandonment?